

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the ABSTRACT section with the following amended abstract:

A method for ~~monitoring~~ monitors the functions and ~~increasing~~ increases the operational reliability of a complex safety-relevant control system, e.g. Examples of such control systems include [[a]] motor vehicle control ~~system~~, systems such as a brake system (ABS, TCS, ESP, EHB, EMB), a steering aid ('steering-by-wire'), etc., ~~and for detecting and evaluating~~ The method also detects and evaluates system errors ~~comprises the steps of:~~ The method detects[[~~-detecting~~]] a system error and ~~evaluation~~ evaluates as a group error,[[~~- bringing~~]]brings about a complete system degradation or a partial system degradation corresponding to the group error, e.g. limitation of the system functions and the system availability,[[~~- localizing~~]] localizes the system error and the error source by tests, logical combining of the test results, plausibility considerations, etc. and [[~~- gradually canceling~~]] gradually cancels the restrictions of the system functions and ~~enhancing~~ enhances the system availability in dependence on the result of the individual steps for bounding or localizing the system error and the error source.